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Dominant T Cell Epitopes

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 21, 2005, the claims of Group III (Claims 19-34), drawn to a method of identifying a presence of vaccinia or variola virus in a sample naturally infected with said virus, and Group a) (Claims 19-34), drawn to the peptide of SEQ ID NO: 2, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

A two-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.